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REMARKS

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- On 14, 16 and 21 July 1954, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s continually practiced flying in formations of two and three over Zerbst airfield. During the night of 27/23 July, there was air activity while searchlights were in operation.

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- The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field on 5 August and 23 September:

5 August. Six MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 8 single-engine aircraft were parked at the field. About 1255, 3 single-engine aircraft took off, climbed to an altitude of about 4,000 meters, and flew toward Dessau. About 1400, 3 additional single-engine aircraft took off and disappeared from view. The aircraft landed at 1410 and 1450.

23 September. At 1230, 2 MiG-15s and 4 single-engine aircraft were seen at the field. At 1245, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over the field at an altitude of about 1,500 meters. These aircraft and additional planes, which crossed over the field up to about 1400, turned to the north after crossing the installation. 1

- A Dumbo-type radar set, which was well camouflaged and fenced in, was seen at the southern edge of the sewage fields, in the southwestern extension of the runway, about 1 km from the end of the runway. Next to the set were two trucks which were partially covered by tarpaulins. About 8 meters from the radar set was a mobile machine unit which served as impellent power. The radar set rotated during air activity. Its ears apparently rotated independent from the dipoles. Nine horizontal dipoles each were fitted at the upper and lower cross pieces. One cable each was seen leading to the third dipole. 2

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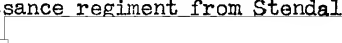
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1.  Comment. In addition to the MiG-15s of the fighter regiment, single-engine aircraft are reported for the first time from Zerbst airfield. In connection with previous observations made at Stendal airfield it is assumed that the reconnaissance regiment from Stendal has been located in Zerbst for some time. 

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2.  Comment. No definite information is available on the radar stations at Zerbst airfield. A Kniferest-type set had been observed prior to June 1953. A Dumbo-type set, a Fishnet-type set, and an unidentified set were reported in October 1953. Efforts have been initiated to determine the sets in operation.

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